

specification at page 26, line 24, to page 27, line 20.

Proposal for New Groups

Applicants request consideration of the proposal that the claims of Group VI (Claims 35-39) be combined with the claims of Group IV (Claims 10-22, 24-32 and 40-46).

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the above re-grouping of the claimed subject matter is in agreement with the rules of restriction practice (M.P.E.P. 806 et seq.), and will balance the rights of Applicants to obtain the full patent protection to which they are entitled with the cost considerations of the PTO. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (781) 861-6240.

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